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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS CONVENE IN PEIPING

From 15 to 17 September 1951, the China Institute of Mechanical Engineering held its first plenary representative conference at the Industrial Lecture Hall, Peiping University. The conference discussed methods of organizing persons who are active in mechanical engineering work throughout China and exchanged technical experiences and ways of raising production. More than 60 persons attended, including representatives from various branches of the institute and special delegates, representing more than 4,000 members. Chiefs of various agencies of the Central People's Government greeted the conference and delivered addresses.

A group of 13, including Shih Chih-jen (1) [numbers in parentheses refer to appended characters], Liu Ting (2), Liu Hsien-chou (3), Ch'eng Hsiao-kang (4), Shen Hung (5), and Meng Shao-nung (6), presided jointly. In his opening address Ch'eng Hsiao-kang stressed that the conference constituted a new beginning and was not a continuation of past work. Ch'eng severely criticized the purely technological approach of the past and asked the delegates to achieve greater unity, raise political consciousness, and learn from the workers.

The conference codified the by-laws of the institute and elected a Board of Directors with Shih Chih-jen as chairman and Liu Hsien-chou as deputy chairman. Plans for 1951 and 1952 were formulated as follows:

1. Standardize mechanical engineering terminology.
2. Translate the Soviet Machine-Building Encyclopedia [Mashinostroyeniye Entsiklopediya?].
3. Coordinate with the Central People's Government Publication Administration in editing reference materials on mechanical engineering.
4. Issue publications of the institute.

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Three committees were set up to deal with standardization of terms, editing of reference materials, and issuance of publications. The conference designated men to assume responsibility for organizing these committees. In addition, more than ten important resolutions were discussed and passed.

Shen Hung made a summary report and the conference telegraphed greetings to Chairman Mao.

CHARACTERS

1. 左 志 仁
2. 蜀 鼎
3. 蜀 仙 洲

4. 程 孝 剛
5. 沈 鴻
6. 孟 少 農

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